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GLENDALE FIREFIGHTERS IN NEED OF ITEMS FOR HOLIDAY TOY AND CLOTHING DRIVE

Glendale, Ariz. — For the twelfth straight year, Glendale firefighters are working hard to collect items for the clothing and toy drive, which benefits children and families in need from the Glendale area.

This past Saturday was the opening weekend for the toy drive and although numerous items were donated, Glendale Firefighters are still working towards their goal of helping 450 families.

Firefighters are asking residents to donate new toys and new clothing for this effort. The items needed include: socks, underwear and jackets (for all ages), plus blankets, pillows and toys. The age group most in need is kids between the ages of six and 14.

Firefighters will continue collecting donations Friday, December 6, at Glendale Glitters from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the next two Saturdays: December 7 and 14, between 10a.m. to 4 p.m. at the K-Mart at 67 Avenue and Bell Road. In addition, drop off sites have been set up at all nine Glendale fire stations and the Glendale Fire Marshal's Office. Those locations are:

- * Fire Station #151: 6851 North 52nd Ave.
- * Fire Station #152: 6850 W. Bethany Home Road
- * Fire Station #153: 14061 N. 59th Ave.
- * Fire Station #154: 4439 W. Peoria
- Fire Station #155: 6255 W. Union Hills
- * Fire Station #156: 6801 W. Deer Valley
- Fire Station #157: 9658 N. 59th Ave. *
- Fire Station #158: 6261 N. 83rd Ave.
- * Fire Station #159: 17159 N. 63rd Ave.
- * Glendale Fire Marshall's Office: 5800 West Glenn Drive, Ste. 350 (during business hours)

The new clothes and new toys will be given to families who are part of a special wish list from schools in the city of Glendale, as provided by the schools' nurses and social workers. Last year, Glendale Firefighters assisted more than 350 families and collected more than \$50,000 worth of new clothing and toys for Glendale families.

For more information regarding the Holiday Toy and Clothing Drive, please call 623-930-4400.

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